GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3248
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SMUGGLING OF MOBILE PHONES
RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Customs Air Intelligence Unit has arrestedfive Delhi based passengers for smuggling 115 mobile phones worth Rs. 6.3 lakh at the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai on May 28,2000; and

(b) if so, the facts with full details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The officers of Air Intelligence Unit, ChhatrapatiShivaji International Airport, Mumbai have seized 115 mobile phones collectively valued at Rs.6.30 lakhs in two separate cases, from 5 lady passengers on 27.5.2000, who had arrived at Mumbai as domestic passengers from Delhi. In both the cases, mobile phones were found on the person, ingeniously concealed in specially made white coloured `pyjamas` worn by the lady passengers, under their saris/salwars. The mobile phones recovered have been seized under the provisions of Customs Act, 1962. All the five lady passengers were also arrested, and produced before the judicial magistrate and have since been enlarged on bail.